

DIVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES REGULATION
BOARD OF CHIROPRACTIC EXAMINERS

3 CAPITOL HILL
CONFERENCE ROOM 104
PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND

Thursday, October 22, 2015
8:47 a.m.

OPEN SESSION MINUTES

BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Charles Kevin Donovan
Natalie Taylor
Stephen Estner

BOARD MEMBERS NOT IN ATTENDANCE

Robert Ricci

STAFF MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Alana Rodriguez, Board Manager
*Sarah Harrigan, Chief of Professional Boards and Commissions

*Sarah arrived at 8:52 a.m.

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

N/A

1. Establishment of a quorum

A meeting of the Board of Chiropractic Examiners was held on Thursday, October 22, 2015 at the Rhode Island Department of Health, Conference Room 104, 3 Capitol Hill, Providence, RI 02908. A quorum was established and the Open Session meeting was called to order at 8:47 a.m. on a motion by Charles Kevin Donovan and seconded by Stephen Estner. Motion carried.

2. Presentation of the June 04, 2015 Open Session Meeting Minutes

Motion was made by Charles Kevin Donovan and seconded by Stephen Estner to accept the Open Session minutes of June 04, 2015. The Board voted unanimously to approve the Open Session minutes as presented. Motion carried.

3. Board Manager Report

a. Board Member Recruitment

Alana Rodriguez informed the Board that Sarah Harrigan is the new Chief of Professional Boards and Commissions. She informed the Board that Sarah is actively seeking board recruitment. Sarah Harrigan entered the meeting at 8:52 a.m. and provided to the Board a brief introduction of herself and her role as new Chief of Professional Boards and Commissions. She informed the Board that she is actively recruiting for the Board of Chiropractic Examiners and what the recruiting process entails.

b. Application Process

Alana Rodriguez informed the Board that the Director has issued authority back to the Department to approve license applications. The Board was in agreement however Dr. Stephen Estner will review Chiro with Physiotherapy applications. Applications with criminal history and/or disciplinary actions will be presented to the Board for Board review.

c. Licensee Information

Alana updated the Board that there are currently 265 active licensed Chiropractors in the state and this year thus far the Department has licensed 5.

4. Old Business

a. Dry Needling Update

The Board briefly discussed the topic of dry needling within the scope of Chiropractic practice. The Board will gather more research information regarding other state's decision on dry needling within the state's rules and regulations. The Board also discussed the importance that a chiropractor is sufficiently trained and educated in the procedure.

5. New Business

a. Continuing Education Courses

A motion was made by Stephen Estner and seconded by Charles Kevin Donovan to approve both continuing education courses: TOP Education, LLC and Brown Medical School.

PACE Program

The Board reviewed and approved the PACE program and will utilize the FCLB Providers of Approved Chiropractic Education (PACE) Program to help the Board identify appropriate and acceptable continuing education courses and programs for chiropractic license renewal in the state. A motion was made by Stephen Estner and seconded by Charles Kevin Donovan. Alana briefly discussed the process of making changes to Rules and Regulations.

6. Motion to adjourn to Closed Session

Motion was made by Natalie Taylor and seconded by Charles Kevin Donovan to adjourn to Closed Session at 9:26 a.m. Motion carried. Pursuant to Sections 42-46-4 and 42-46-5(a)(1) of the Rhode Island General Laws, for the purpose of discussing job performance, character, physical or mental health of applicants for licensure. Also, pursuant to Sections 42-46-4 and 42-46-5(a)(4) of the Rhode Island General Laws, for investigatory proceedings regarding allegations of civil or criminal misconduct.

7. Motion to return to Open Session

Motion was made by Charles Kevin Donovan and seconded by Stephen Estner at 10:26 a.m. to re-open the Open Session and to seal the Minutes of the Closed Session pursuant to Sections 42-46-4, 42-46-5 and 42-46-7 of the Rhode Island General Laws. Motion carried.

8. Adjournment

The next Board of Chiropractic Examiners meeting will be held TBD at the Rhode Island Department of Health, Conference Room 104, 3 Capitol Hill, Providence, RI 02908. Motion was made by Stephen Estner and seconded by Charles Kevin Donovan to adjourn at 10:27 a.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Alana Rodriguez", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Alana Rodriguez
Board Manager
Office of Health Professionals Regulation